

Resolutions of the 25th Annual General Assembly of the Métis Nation of Ontario held August 17-19, 2018, at the Showplace Performance Centre, 290 George Street North, Peterborough, Ontario.

2018 Special Business Resolutions

The following Special Business Resolution was moved and seconded but were defeated:

Title:	Special Resolution on Verifying All MNO Citizens Are Métis Rights-Holders and Meet Current MNO Citizenship Requirements
Mover:	Theresa Stenlund
Secunder:	Mitch Case

WHEREAS the MNO has initiated the Registry and Self-Government Readiness Process (the “Registry Review”) to determine how many MNO Citizens meet the current Citizenship requirements set out in the MNO Bylaws and are verified Métis rights-holders;

AND WHEREAS the MNO’s legitimacy, credibility and future recognition—as a Métis government—will be built on its representation of Métis rights-holders and rights-bearing Métis communities in Ontario as well as its objectively verifiable Citizenship registration system;

AND WHEREAS the 2018 MNO AGA wants to establish a fair and transparent two-year process to ensure all MNO Citizens are verified as Métis rights-holders and meet the current requirements for MNO Citizenship by July 31, 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018 MNO AGA directs the following:

1. That the following “Removal from the MNO Registry” provision be added as the new section 7 to the MNO Bylaws:
 7. All MNO Citizens must have documentation in their Citizenship file to demonstrate that they meet the current MNO requirements for Citizenship as set out in sections 4 and 5 of the MNO Bylaws and MNO Registry Policy by July 31, 2020. If, as determined by the MNO Registrar through the process set out below, a MNO Citizen has an incomplete Citizenship file on July 31, 2020, that individual will be removed from the MNO Registry and cease to be a MNO Citizen effective immediately.
 - 7.1 On or before March 31, 2019, the MNO Registrar will write to all existing MNO Citizens at their last known mailing address, to make them aware as to whether their Citizenship file meets the above-noted requirements (i.e., whether their Citizenship file is “complete” or “incomplete”). The onus is on individual MNO Citizens to provide the MNO Registry with the necessary documentation to complete their Citizenship file and to keep their contact information with the MNO Registry up to date.
 - 7.2 Upon receiving a letter from the MNO Registrar identifying their MNO Citizenship file as incomplete, the individual shall have twelve (12) months to provide the outstanding documentation to the MNO Registry before their file is determined to be “officially

incomplete.” If, at any time during this period, the MNO Citizen provides the necessary documentation to complete their Citizenship file, the MNO Registrar shall issue the Citizen a letter indicating their file is now complete.

- 7.3 Prior to or after the twelve (12) month notice, a MNO Citizen with an incomplete Citizenship file may appeal the Registrar’s determination for reasons other than missing documentation. An applicant may appeal the Registrar’s decision by:
- a. completing a Registry Review Appeal Form and submitting said form, along with materials to be considered as a part of the appeal, to the MNO Registry; and
 - b. including a payment of \$250.00 payable to the MNO for the administrative costs associated with the appeal, which will be returned to the MNO Citizen if their appeal is successful.
- 7.4 Upon receipt of the required items set out in section 7.3, the Registrar shall forward the contents of the MNO Citizen’s Citizenship file and the appeal materials to an independent, qualified genealogist or consulting firm with experience in Métis genealogy for review and consideration of the appeal.
- 7.5 The individual or firm identified above will review all of the appeal documents and the appellant’s Citizenship file based on the MNO Bylaws and Registry Policy in order to determine whether they will uphold or overturn the Registrar’s determination. A letter setting out the reasons for upholding or overturning the Registrar’s determination will be provided to the MNO and the appellant. This decision shall be final and binding on the parties. Best efforts will be made for the appeal will be completed within ninety (90) days of the materials being provided to the individual or firm.
- 7.6 If an existing MNO Citizen has an appeal pending as of July 31, 2020, they will still be removed from the MNO Registry and cease to be a MNO Citizen as of that date, however, if their appeal is ultimately successful they will have their Citizenship reinstated on the date of the successful appeal decision and will not have to reapply for MNO Citizenship.
- 7.7 Subject to meeting all MNO Citizenship application requirements that are in place, any individual who was removed from the MNO Registry and ceased to be a MNO Citizen as of July 31, 2020, may re-apply for MNO Citizenship.
2. That the following “Removal from the MNO Registry” provision be added as the new Section 7 to the MNO Bylaws:
- a. the MNO Citizen requests, in writing, to have their name removed from the MNO Registry; or
 - b. the MNO Citizen is removed pursuant to the authorities and processes set out in the MNO Bylaws.

DEFEATED

(77 in favour; 147 opposed; 8 abstaining)

2018 Non-Special Business Resolutions

Resolution #:	AGA180819-01
Title:	Province Wide Community Engagement
Mover:	Mitch Case
Seconder:	Alexandra Dusome

WHEREAS a foundational principle of good governance is the right of Citizens to have their voices heard and meaningfully considered in decision-making that affects them; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) is quickly moving towards self-government, which has involved beginning the process of Constitution building and negotiating numerous agreements, which affect MNO Citizens across the province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 25th MNO Annual General Assembly (AGA) direct that there be a province-wide community engagement process on the issues related to economic development and self-sufficiency, self-government and other citizenship related issues as outlined in the MNO Commission on Métis Rights and Self Government Final Report and as discussed at the 2018 AGA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario and the MNO Secretariat seek out the necessary resources to implement the aforementioned engagement process; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that quarterly updates on these discussions be provided and a report provided to the 2019 MNO AGA.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-01)

Resolution #:	AGA180819-02
Title:	Provincial Anti-Racism, Lateral Violence and Equity Working Group
Mover:	Amanda Pont-Shanks
Seconder:	Derrick Pont

WHEREAS Métis across the province live with discrimination, racism and lateral violence on a regular basis based on their Métis heritage; and

WHEREAS many Métis struggle with ignorance, lateral violence, and bias from other Indigenous organizations; and

WHEREAS there is lateral violence within our own Métis community, which causes a divide in the Nation; and

WHEREAS there is a demand for cultural competency training from entities such as, corporate sector, Medical Professionals, Local Government, Law Enforcement, Community Service Groups, and Small Businesses; and

WHEREAS Community Councils are volunteers and most Community Councils do not have the time, capacity or funding to deliver effective and consistent cultural competency training; and

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose states that the MNO will commit to "improve health and wellness of the individual, the family and the whole Métis community";

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the MNO establishes a process to develop an Anti-Racism, lateral violence and Equity Working Group comprised of Métis citizens, Community Council Members, Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) members, and other MNO Interest Groups. With the support of the MNO public service, the Working Group will assist in developing Métis cultural competency training. This Working Group will train MNO Community Councils; PCMNO, other MNO interest groups, and MNO public service using the resources developed and will assist in province wide implementation; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this Working Group will work with other Indigenous groups to improve relationships, tackle stereotypes and biases, and work together to promote the reduction of racism, ignorance, and lateral violence between Indigenous peoples. This Working Group will also tackle and solve concerns of lateral violence within our own Métis Nation to ensure that Citizens across the province feel welcome, safe and accepted within the MNO.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-02)

Resolution No.:	AGA180819-03
Title:	Canadian Geographic and Métis in the Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada
Mover:	Diane Kilby
Seconder:	Jennifer Parkinson

WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Geographic Society (Canadian Geographic) has published a comprehensive Atlas titled the "**Indigenous Peoples Atlas of Canada**", which is available online [see <https://indigenouspeoplesatlasofcanada.ca/>] or as a hard-copy publication; and

WHEREAS one booklet of this Atlas is dedicated to the Métis people of Canada; and

WHEREAS this segment was developed in consultation with the Métis National Council (MNC) of Canada and includes an introduction by MNC President, Clément Chartier; and

WHEREAS this Atlas puts forward and supports the erroneous contention that Métis identity is limited to Western Canada and "**parts**" of North-western Ontario only; and

WHEREAS this description of Métis ignores/dismisses and diminishes the people, the historic Métis communities, the culture and the self-governing structure of the Métis Nation of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario be directed to work directly with Canadian Geographic to correct this glaring omission to include the proud Métis peoples of Ontario acknowledging our people, our history, our government and our communities.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-03)

Resolution #:	AGA180819-04
Title:	Women Representative Inclusion in AGA Grand Entry Canoe
Mover:	Suzanne Jackson

Seconder:	Shirley Debassige
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WHEREAS the Voyageur Canoe is symbolic of the Métis Nation and it is an honour to have a designated seat in the canoe during the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) Annual General Assembly (AGA) Grand Entry; and

WHEREAS honouring Women is part of our culture; and

WHEREAS the MNO is striving toward equitable representation of all our communities; and

WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario and all other Provincial Councils within the MNO structure, with the exception of the Métis Nation of Ontario Women's Council (MNOWC), have a recurring seat in the canoe during the MNO AGA Grand Entry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Women's representative from the hosting AGA Council or their MNOWC Regional Representative or their MNOWC designate chosen by the other MNOWC Regional Representatives, have a reserved seat in the Voyageur Canoe for its Grand Entry at all MNO AGAs.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-04)

Resolution #:	AGA180819-05
Title:	Moose Population
Mover:	Brian Gouliquer
Seconder:	Sandra Triskle

WHEREAS the moose population is too low and not recovering well; and

WHEREAS the moose harvest is an important Métis cultural event (not a sport or hunting); and

WHEREAS the moose population has not or has been slow to recover in many Wildlife Management Units (WMUs); and

WHEREAS the Métis have lost their cultural connection to other species such as the caribou, buffalo, elk and others;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Métis Nation of Ontario write the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forests to curtail the issuance of the non-resident moose hunting licenses in the WMUs where moose numbers are at a low or lower than low number, until the moose population rises above that number.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-05)

Resolution #:	AGA180819-06
Title:	Culturally Relevant Sport, Recreation Sport, Recreation and Experiential Opportunities for Métis Peoples of All Ages

Mover:	Alexander Young
Seconder:	Courtney Vaughan

WHEREAS the Metis Nation of Ontario's (MNO) Statement of Prime Purpose declares to, "...promote and foster a community development...[to] promote the improved health and wellness of the individual...[to] establish good relations and maintain our historic alliances with all Aboriginal peoples for the pursuit of our common interests and goals."; and

WHEREAS the MNO has put importance on supporting and funding cultural and heritage land-based and recreational programs including the Summer Youth Cultural Program, Youth Cultural Camps, and Canoe Expeditions in 2003, 2005, 2014 and 2017, programs that have had lasting positive impacts for the MNO by building awareness of the Metis people and culture in Ontario and empowering Metis participants involved; and

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario (ASWCO) "plans, delivers and supports dozens of programs, tournaments, workshops, and events for Indigenous youth across Ontario each year, including multi-sport, cultural and leadership camps, sport clinics, invitational, championships, the Team Ontario, and the North American Indigenous Games."; and

WHEREAS ASWCO has a mandate to support sport, recreation, wellness and cultural opportunities for First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples in Ontario; and

WHEREAS there is a high interest for continued cultural and heritage programming for Metis people of all ages that promote Métis pride and Way Of Life; and

WHEREAS the Government of Canada has allotted \$71.4 million over five years to support Indigenous history, heritage and the use of sport for social development;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the MNO Annual General Assembly 2018 directs the following:

1. That the MNO seek partnership with the ASWCO to support and develop culturally relevant Sport, Recreation and Experiential activities for Metis people of all ages across Ontario that promote and support Metis Way Of Life; and
2. That the MNO seek continuous funding from the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario that will provide immersive cultural experiences for Metis children, youth, adults and elders that reflect various skill levels and abilities.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-06)

Resolution #:	AGA180819-07
Title:	Canoe Expedition 2019
Mover:	Alexander Young
Seconder:	Courtney Vaughan

WHEREAS the Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) has invested substantially in equipment to outfit participants for canoe and camping related activities; including the purchase of two new 36 foot Montreal Canoe and hauling trailer, cargo trailer and everyday camping and cooking gear to outfit 25 or more participants; and

WHEREAS the Provisional Council of the Métis Nation of Ontario (PCMNO) as a governing body, MNO citizens and MNO staff would benefit from the opportunity that would be derived from the Canoe Expedition that would raise Metis cultural and historic awareness by educating the general public, visiting communities, and by obtaining media coverage; and

WHEREAS Canoe Expeditions relive and retrace the historic fur trade routes of the Voyageurs demonstrating Métis pride and Way Of Life as well as developing participants' Métis identity, self-reliance, endurance, healthy living habits, and many other transferable skills applicable to employment and life in our communities; and

WHEREAS in the past the MNO has put importance on supporting and funding four previous Canoe Expeditions including 2017's, which focused on skill and educational outcomes through the use of Indigenous Skills and Employment Training (ISET) program dollars to provide multiple outdoor and leadership certifications from Challenges Canada and college credits as part of an MOU with Confederation College; and

WHEREAS there is a high interest from community members and past canoe expedition members for the opportunity to participate in a canoe expedition and following the canoe expedition on social media;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the MNO Annual General Assembly 2018 direct the PCMNO and Secretariat to:

1. Seek funding in order to support a 2019, and annual, canoe expedition(s), of different duration, which includes employment skills and training opportunities such as certifications and college credit, thus promoting employability and transferable skills; and
2. Collaborate with Aboriginal Sport and Wellness Council of Ontario and any other interested parties in the organization of canoe expeditions for the purpose of financial support and labour that is involved with the planning and execution of canoe expeditions.

RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGA180819-07)